

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Hiroyuki FUJITA Corres. and Mail

Serial No.: 09/663,709

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ANGIOTENSIN CONVERTING ENZYME INHIBITOR

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 - EXPEDITED RESPONSE -**GROUP ART UNIT 1653**

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For.

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

October 15, 2002

Group Art Unit: 1

Examiner: Anish Gupta

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 16, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1- 10 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A food comprising an angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor containing a mixture of a plurality of peptides, said mixture being obtained by the steps of:

digesting a fish meat with thermolysin enzyme to produce a hydrolyzate, and

treating the hydrolyzate with membrane or by solvent extraction with a polar organic solvent to reduce the content of polypeptide having a molecular weight of at least 5000 to at most 10 % by weight of the total polypeptide in the mixture.